

CLAIMS

1. A press belt in a pressing apparatus comprising the press belt rotated endlessly and pressing means provided inside and/or outside a periphery of the press belt, comprising:
 - 5 many drain grooves extending along a belt travel direction; and
 - many lands positioned between the adjacent grooves and extending along the belt travel direction, wherein
 - 10 said land has an upper surface which is entirely curved upwardly as a transverse sectional configuration along a belt width direction.
2. The press belt according to claim 1, wherein said transverse sectional configuration of the land is an upward parabolic configuration.
- 15 3. The press belt according to claim 1 or 2, wherein side walls on both sides of said land are tapered so that their width is reduced toward the upper side.
4. The press belt according to claim 1, wherein
 - 20 said upper surface of the land comprises a linear part on its top as a transverse sectional configuration along the belt width direction, and
 - when it is assumed that a width of said linear part is "s" and a width of the land is "W", a relation between them is such that $s/W < 0.5$.
- 25 5. A shoe press roll comprising an external cylinder comprising an endless press belt, and a pressure shoe positioned inside a periphery of said external cylinder as pressing means, wherein
 - to 4. said external cylinder is the press belt according to any one of claims 1 to 4.

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